

Pipe Ceremony and Prayer service, 6 pm Wednesdays during Lent on March 15th, 22nd, 29th, and April 5th. We come together in a smaller group to pray with a pipe ceremony and then a reflection. After, we have a soup meal. To reduce waste, please bring your own dish and cutlery to use for the meal. All are welcome. Please call to sign up for a date to provide soup, salad or bread after the prayer.

Those who have died: Gertrude Jean Head, Richard "Rich" Robinson, Jr., Gary Richard Greene, Bradford "Charlie" Neeland, Tara Lynn Smith, Corinne "Corky" Marie (Starke) Auginash, Mary Lynn Thompson, and Kendra Leigh Goose.

March 2023

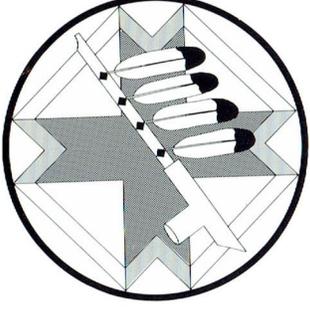
- 15 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.
- 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mass 10 am, Taco Bingo after Mass
- 20 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 22 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.
- 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent, Mass 10 am
- 27 Movie: *The Letter*, St Joan of Arc, 6:30pm in the Welcome Center
- 27 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 29 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.

April 2023

- 2 Palm Sunday, Mass 10 am
- 3 Follow-up discussion on *The Letter*, 6:30 pm at Gichitwaa Kateri
- 3 Medicine Wheel AA
- 5 Lenten Pipe Ceremony, 6 pm in the Chapel. Soup to follow.
- 6 Holy Thursday, Mass at 6 pm, meal to follow
- 7 Good Friday, 6 pm
- 8 Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil, 8 pm
- 9 Easter—the Resurrection of the Lord, Mass 10 am
- 10 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 16 Second Sunday of Easter, Mass 10 am
- 17 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 23 Third Sunday of Easter, Mass 10 am
- 24 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm
- 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mass 10 am

May 2023

- 1 Medicine Wheel AA, 6 pm



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March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

1) En-da-so--zhaa-gwe-ni-mo-yaang,	<i>Whenever we are fearful,</i>
2) A-pe-gish waa-ban-da-maang	<i>Would that we might see that</i>
3) Ki-na ge-goo e-bii-ta-man,	<i>you are in all things, you who</i>
4) Giin wa-yaa-se-yaa-zi-yan.	<i>are light.</i>
5) Mii dash gii-wash-kwe-yen-da-maang,	<i>And then when we are</i>
6) A-pe-gish waa-ban-da-maang	<i>confused,</i>
7) Gi-waa-se-yaa-zi-win noon-gom,	<i>Would that we might see</i>
8) Giin Be-maa-ji-i-we-yan.	<i>your radiance now, You who</i>
	<i>give life.</i>

Today's gospel, from John chapter 9, is the story of the blind man whom Jesus made "able to see," and in this gospel Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." We based the song printed above on a Celtic prayer that incorporates the words "see" and "light" in a way that seems very meaningful in these days of fear and confusion.

Waaseyaazi means someone "is shining," "full of light," or "radiant." In line 4, the beginning of this word is changed from *waa-* to *wayaa-*, and at the end of the word we put *-yan* ("you"), so the word **waaseyaaziyan** means "you who are light." In line 7, the ending *-win* makes the verb into a noun, and putting the prefix *gi-* ("your") makes the word **giwaaseyaaziwin** ("your light" or "your radiance").

The word **apegish** means "would that," or "I hope" or "I wish" for whatever verb follows it. In lines 2 and 6 we have **Apegish waabandamaang** ("Would that we might see that you are the light" (line 4) and "Would that we might see your radiance" (line 7). The verb *waabandamaang* is related to the verb that we use in Ojibwe instead of saying "Good-bye"--**Giga-waabamin miinawaa** ("I'll see you again"). Probably most of the time when we say that, we are simply expressing a hope that we will see the person next week or next month,

but someone has observed that this phrase can also express belief in eternal life--that when we say ***giga-waabamin miinawaa*** to a person, we are expressing a confident hope that even if we do not see that person in this life, we will see him or her in the next life.

Finally, remember ***Bemaaji'iweyan*** ("You who give life"), which is the Ojibwe word Rick likes to use for "Savior"?

Larry Martin

Readings

St. Patrick used to be my hero as I was named after an Irish Catholic Priest. Later I learned the nature of the colonizing of Ireland through the Church. Like American Indians, it was illegal to speak Gallic, cultural celebrations, Celtic spirituality. I pray that we move away from this militaristic evangelization on St. Patrick's Day this year.

Our Gospel this morning is healing of a blind man from John's Gospel. The Pharisee's are trying to discredit Jesus for healing a blind man on the Sabbath. Who is trying to discredit Jesus today? I listen to stories from Catholics that live on reservations and am saddened by people finding it difficult to be Lakota or Ojibwe and Catholic. Yes the Church has done inhumane things to the Indigenous of our world in the name of Jesus, but that was not Jesus' intent. Our call is to walk in the way of Christ, bring healing to the marginalized, without judgment on another's walk.

Shawn Phillips

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Volunteering Opportunities are available to help with willow saplings, asema, Lenten soup meals, taco bingo, Sunday hospitality, long range planning, bulletin board update, etc. To volunteer, please sign up after mass or through the website, or talk to Shawn, Maryanna, or Robert.

Gathering Willow The lodge in our chapel is rebuilt each year during Holy Week. Willow saplings will need to be cut in late March. Please let us know if you can help with this task, or if you know of nearby locations where we would be permitted to gather.

Sacraments On Holy Saturday we usually celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in our parish. Please call or email Shawn if you wish to receive the Sacraments. We will have a prep session during Lent but will need people to sign up. You could start looking for God Parents, at least one should be a practicing Catholic.

Taco Bingo Today (March 19th) after Mass from ~11:30 am-1 pm This fundraiser supports our members attending the 2023 Tekakwitha Conference. Taco Bingo is a fun family-friendly event. Everyone is invited! If you feel costs pose a hardship, don't hesitate to approach the seller and offer what you can to get food for your family - make sure to keep some money for bingo! Next date will be May 7th 2023.

The Tegeder Legacy Scholarship is open for application for one more week. If you are a member of Gichitwaa Kateri church, or are associated with a member, you may be eligible for a scholarship of up to \$10,000.00 to attend an accredited high school, community/technical college, or university. See Shawn for further details or to request an application. The deadline for completed applications is March 26th.

Tekakwitha Conference: Gathering for Healing through Living Waters July 19-23, 2023 at DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington MN. More info is at <https://www.archspm.org/tekakwitha2023/> If you are planning to attend, please contact Shawn Phillips by March 26th to be part of the group, and please turn in a completed registration form. The church will assist with conference fees for those who volunteered at the fundraisers. The church does not assist with lodging costs. Individuals who plan to stay at the hotel can book rooms at a group rate through the link on the website above.

Parish Website The parish website was redesigned. Check out the new and updated sections at www.katerimpls.org There are lots of fun options for visitors. Prayer, history, leave a message, and give a testimonial for an experience you had here, or from a program we offer throughout the year. Enjoy seeing the fruits of our, and our ancestors work!